

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please change paragraph 16 (as published, or 4:21-5:3) as follows:

wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more substituents R_a , wherein R_a may be independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, nitro, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, $-(R_7)_nNR_8R_9$ (wherein R_7 is selected from ~~alkyl~~ alkylene, ~~alkoxy~~ alkylene oxide, and ~~oxyalkyl~~ oxyalkylene, R_8 and R_9 can be independently selected from H, and alkyl, or R_8 and R_9 can join such that NR_8R_9 form a 5 or 6 member heterocyclic ring, and n is selected from 0, and 1), and the substituent R_a is optionally further substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, halo, cyano, alkanoyl, haloalkyl, thioalkyl, nitro, and $-(R_7)_nNR_8R_9$ wherein R_7 , R_8 , and R_9 , and n are as defined above—;

Please change paragraph 23 (as published, or 5:19-27) as follows:

wherein the substituents R_b are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, alkanoyl, nitro, halo, haloalkoxy, $-(R_7)_nNR_8R_9-S(O)_2NR_{10}R_{11}$, and $-O-(CH_2)_mNR_{10}R_{11}$ (wherein R_7 is selected from alkyl, alkoxy, and oxyalkyl, R_8 and R_9 can be independently selected from H, and alkyl, or R_8 and R_9 can join together such that NR_8R_9 form a 5 or 6 member heterocyclic ring, and n is selected from 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and R_{10} and R_{11} can be independently selected from H, or alkyl, or R_{10} and R_{11} can join together such that $NR_{10}R_{11}$ form a 5 or 6 member heterocyclic ring and m is selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) and;

Please change paragraph 24 (as published, or 5:28-6:5) as follows:

the substituent R_b is optionally further substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, halo, cyano, alkanoyl, haloalkyl, thioalkyl, nitro, $-(R_7)_nNR_8R_9$ (wherein R_7 , R_8 , R_9 and n are as described above), with the proviso that Ar_1 does not have a substituent at the 2-position selected from the following groups, nitro, ~~haloalkyl, cyano, $C(O)R_{12}$, $C(O)OR_{12}$, $C(O)NR_{12}R_{13}$, $S(O)R_{12}$, $S(O)_2R_{12}$, and $S(O)_2NR_{12}R_{13}$~~ (wherein R_{12} and R_{13} are independently selected from H and alkyl),